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Dear Sir:

Before examination of the subject patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Please **replace** Claims 1, 11, 16, and 29 with the following **amended** claims that have the corresponding numbers.

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1. (Amended) A system for capturing images of cells or cell structures, the system comprising:
- a cell holder comprising a plurality of sites in a spatial orientation, each of the sites being capable of holding a plurality of cells to be imaged;
 - an image capturing device coupled to the cell holder, the image captur[e]ing device being adapted to capture at least one image in at least one of the plurality of sites;
 - an illumination apparatus comprising a flexible liquid light guide coupled to the cell holder for highlighting the plurality of sites in a relatively even spatial manner for image